

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2208 – SB 2563

March 22, 2018

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Authorizes employees currently allowed to carry a concealed handgun on school premises in Pickett and Wayne counties to have their required handgun instruction administered by a private certified firearms instructor.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (015817, 015819):** Amendment 015817 deletes all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes local education agencies (LEAs) to develop a policy to allow selected employees to carry firearms on school property. Makes records related to the individual authorized to carry a concealed handgun on school property private. Authorizes one handgun for every 75 students. Outlines various requirements related to authorized handgun carry on school property. Defines private certified firearms instructor. Prohibits an LEA from replacing a School Resource Officer (SRO) with an employee authorized to carry a handgun.

Amendment 015819 deletes and replaces language of amendment 015817 to clarify that a school is only authorized to have an employee carry a concealed handgun if it does not have an SRO, and if an SRO is subsequently assigned to the school, it will no longer be eligible to have an employee carry a concealed handgun.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:**

**Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent LEAs elect to pay a portion of permit fees or training costs for employees, there will be a permissive increase in local government expenditures. The extent and timing of any such permissive impact cannot be reasonably determined.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Under current law, Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-816, certain employees are authorized to carry a concealed weapon on school property in distressed rural counties; this legislation will extend authorization to any LEA that adopts a policy allowing authorized carry.
- No significant impact to state government operations.

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- Any impact on the number of violations for unauthorized carry of a handgun on school property is estimated to be not significant.
- The provisions of this legislation are permissive to local government.
- The training and firearm costs related to this legislation are carried by the employee; however, LEAs are not prohibited from paying a portion or all of the costs associated with a handgun carry permit or required training.
- To the extent that LEAs choose to pay a portion of permit fees or training costs, there will be a permissive increase in local government expenditures, the timing and extent of which cannot be reasonably determined.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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